



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### November 2017

*"We are God's servants, saved by grace, through faith, commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all."*

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#### Worship Services

Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Saturday 7:30 P.M.

#### Bible Study

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

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#### A Message from Pastor Bruner

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good....His love endures forever." Ps. 136:1*

Gathering together to give thanks is important, but there is also a blessing connected to this activity.

Consider a few examples:

What a wonderful time we had celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, close to 13,000 people from across the state gathered in the Breslin Center in Lansing. The vocal and instrumental music was extra special. Although we hear the central theme every week, we were reminded, in a special way, that we are saved by Grace alone through Faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. God provides this good news through the Scripture Alone. Two weeks later, we gathered here at St. Paul Lutheran to continue celebrating the anniversary. We heard more special music and another message centered in Christ, Grace, Faith and Scripture alone. Both of these celebrations were opportunities that gave God thanks and unleashed blessings into the lives of those who attended.

Every so often we get a glimpse of heaven on earth. One day we will surround God's throne and lift our voices in praise for all he has done for us. Revelation 7:9 says, *"After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'"* Perhaps you have been in a large crowd and experienced the energy of the people there for the celebration. This passage shares that heaven will have times like this. Think about it. God invites and even commands that we gather together, so that we can get a foretaste of heaven.

One reason for gathering is to hear God speak His love to us as individuals. There is a second purpose, and that is the benefit we receive from being together. Imagine a sporting event where

only a few people are in the stands. Their team wins, and the small group of fans cheer. I believe you can picture the difference between a small band of fans versus a packed house cheering in victory. It does not change the "win," but the larger crowd lifts up the spirits of those who are there for their team. What am I saying? The energy is contagious. You and I are blessed, and we become a blessing to others, when we are gathered together praising Jesus for His victory over sin, death and the devil. God designed us to need each other. When there are only a few of us praising God, it can be discouraging. It doesn't change the fact that Jesus has won. However, it is a different experience when we are surrounded by many others praising Jesus together.

What is the point? Worship attendance can be contagious. When we see a full house, we can be inspired. When we see a thin crowd, we may consider not coming back. I hope that you will encourage others to come and *Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever.* Don't be tempted to stop coming, because you don't see a packed house. Instead, pass on the great news of the victory Jesus has accomplished and invite them to join the celebration every opportunity we have. We have the ability to help others by simply being here.

Remember - you matter to God and you matter to me,

Pastor Bruner

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."  
1 John 4:10-11

The November Messenger is sponsored by Doris Gardner.

## Spiritual News

### 9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies

Join us for **Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall**  
before Bible Study begins.

**Sunday School** for grades K-4 at 9:45AM. The nursery will be open for Pre-K & under and 5<sup>th</sup> grade & up are encouraged to go with their parents to Bible Study.

**Adult Instruction Class** – Led by Pastor Bruner in the multi-purpose room. We will explore the basics of the Christian faith and other important answers God provides.

**Puppet Ministry** is back at St. Paul. We will be meeting in the library between services to practice. Anyone 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older, please join us.

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**Women's Bible Study** – "Waiting" – Mondays at 9AM in the Youth Room. A Bible Study on Patience, Hope and Trust by Sharla Fritz. This study focuses on the lives of 8 women who waited, women like us. Together, we will learn to surrender our worries to God, handle the daily-ness of waiting and draw closer to Jesus. Call Lisa Mohr [989-550-0412](tel:989-550-0412) or Denise Miller [810-656-2330](tel:810-656-2330) if questions.

### Music



#### **Handbells**

Mondays at 7PM

#### **Church Choir**

Wednesdays at 6:53PM

#### **Praise Team**

Thursdays at 6:15PM

### Upcoming Special Services

#### **Thanksgiving Service:**

Thurs., November 23<sup>rd</sup> - 10AM +Communion

Guest Preacher Rev. Hakes

#### **Advent Services at 4PM:**

Wed., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Advent Dinners from 5-6PM

Free will donation



#### **Christmas Choir Concert:**

Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4PM

Dinner Following Concert



#### **Children's Christmas Services:**

Wed., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> & Sun., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 6PM

#### **Christmas Eve Services:**

Note: There is no service on Sat., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sun., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 10AM +Communion

Candlelight - 9PM

**Christmas Day Service:** 10AM +Communion

#### **New Year's Weekend Services:**

Sat., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:30PM

Sun., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - 8:30AM

11AM - Contemporary

### Scripture Readings

#### Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

Micah 3:5-12

1 Thess. 4:1-12

Matthew 23:1-12

#### Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>

Amos 5:18-24

1 Thess. 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

#### Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>

Zephaniah 1:7-16

1 Thess. 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

#### Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

1 Cor. 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

Happy  
Thanksgiving



The  
Lutheran Hour

#### **Lutheran Ministries** **"Worship for Shut-Ins"**

Nov. 5th - "From Here to Eternity" - 1 John 3:1-3

Nov. 12th - "Ready with His Oil" - Matthew 25:1-13

Nov. 19th - "His Precious Gift" - Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 26th - "It's All Over" - 1 Cor. 15:30-28

# Happenings at St. Paul

## Tuesdays at St. Paul

**Quilting** - 12-3PM in the Parish Hall

**Painting** - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

**AA** - 7:30PM in the Council Room

## Storyhour

**St. Paul Storyhour** every **Friday** from 9-11AM in the nursery. All preschool children are invited to join us for Bible stories, games, activities, crafts, and of course, a snack! There is no need to pre-register, but if you have questions, call Lori Osborn at 989-205-9873. God bless our little group!!



**Sun., Nov. 5th**  
**Set your clocks  
back and enjoy  
your extra hour!**

**Messenger/Calendar Deadline  
Fri., November 10th**

## Dorcas Bazaar

Sat., Nov. 11th from 9AM-3PM  
Luncheon Available

Sun., Nov. 12th from 10AM-2PM  
\*\*School children shop on  
Thurs., Nov. 9th\*\*

Vendors may rent a space for \$15 to sell your "goodies." Call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873 to reserve your spot soon. Please pass the word, invite vendors to call and shoppers to shop.

## Church Board Elections

The Church Board Election will be the weekend of Nov. 11th/12th after services in the multi-purpose room. Remember - only voting members may vote. To become a voting member, all you need to do is come to a Voters' meeting.

## Impact & Ignite

(6th-12th Grades)

**Whose Line, Servant Project, & Finger Foods**

November 12th from 1:30-6PM

Meet at St. Paul at 1:30PM – We'll head out for a quick servant project, then return for Whose Line and Snacks.



Bring your favorite finger food to share, your sense of humor and improv skills!

Keep watching the Facebook pages for upcoming events!

## Scrapbooking & Crafts

Sat., Nov. 18th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall.

Pre register \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. Bring your scrapbooking or craft supplies and projects or just come and enjoy the fellowship! Stay for an hour, or the whole day. Please bring a dish to pass if staying all day and your beverage. **R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or school.office@spmill.org.

## Do You Like to Decorate for Christmas?



Please join us on **Mon., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 5PM** in the church. We'll be setting up, lighting, and decorating the trees, and hanging the garland from the balcony and on the front pews. **Everyone is welcome** to help get the church ready

## November Meetings

### **Social Concerns**

Wed., Nov. 1st at 6:30PM

### **Council**

Wed., Nov. 1st at 7:30PM

### **Stephen Ministry**

Every Monday at 7PM

### **Stewardship**

Tues., Nov. 7th at 7:30PM

### **Board of Education**

Wed., Nov. 8th at 6:30PM

### **Trustees**

Sun., Nov. 12th at 6PM

### **PTL**

Thurs., Nov. 16th at 6PM

### **Dorcas**

Tues., Nov. 21st at 6PM

### **Elders**

Wed., Nov. 29th at 7:30PM

## Thank You / Help Wanted

### Many Thanks!

**"Many hands make light work"** . . .and when those hands. . .and feet. . .and hearts are attached to God's people, this is what can be accomplished:

Words are typed, tents are put up and taken down, tables are moved, water and trail mix ingredients and craft supplies are donated, signs are hung, participants are greeted, bikes are ridden, stakes are hammered, stations are manned, displays are designed, crafts are prepared, trail mix is mixed, wagons are pulled, faces are painted, Scripture verses are written, photos are taken, rides are given, books are read, harps are played, bonfires are burned, maps are designed, walks are taken, artwork is inspired, pole barns are cleaned, smiles are shared, songs are sung, encouragement is given, prayers are said, and prayers are answered! **To God be the glory** for granting us a beautiful day to walk, learn, and pray. Our **sincerest thanks** to all the many hands who pitched in to help. Also, thanks to those of you who took the time to come and take part in our special event. May God's gracious Hand be upon you and bless you as you continue serving Him!

**Thank you** to my St. Paul family for your prayers and calls since my surgery. Thank you so much, Pastor Bruner, for all of your calls. Your prayers meant so much! God's blessings to all! -Judy Kolaja

Dear Friends at St. Paul, **Thank you** for being a part of the 2017 Baby Bottle Boomerang. Everyone at Positive Alternatives is thankful for your love and support of the ministry. This year, your church families raised \$825.71 toward our efforts. Thank you and God Bless! -April Schmidt - Positive Alternatives

**Thank you** for all the expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness extended to us when our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother went home to our Lord. Words cannot express our appreciation for the comfort they gave.

-The family of Loraine H. Petzold

**Thank you** for the prayers, cards, and support during Norm's hospital stays. May God richly bless you for your generosity; also all the people who helped make his benefit possible.

Thanks again, The Norman Bergdolt Family

### Staff Gift

If you would like to show your appreciation for the St. Paul staff, please place your Cash Donation (no checks please) in an envelope marked "Staff Christmas" and place in the offering plate or bring to the Church Office by Mon., Dec. 11th. Please remember, this is not a tax deductible gift and will not be recorded on your giving statement.



Dear Sheep of the Good Shepherd's Flock,

I want to say a big **thank you** to all of you who expressed your love and support to me during pastor appreciation month. Many of you do not limit your kind words and acts of love to just the month of October. I am truly grateful, regardless of when you share your generous words and gifts.

It is touching to be recognized. This is why I thank you for the individual ways you have acknowledged my calling and ministry as your pastor. *"However, [as the Apostle Paul once said] I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace"* Acts 20:24. I pray that I will be able to spread God's grace and finish the task God desires for me to accomplish each day.

My goal is to serve our Lord well, by serving you. I covet your continued prayers, since I do not want to see what life would be like without the protection and strength that God provides.

Remember – you matter to God and you matter to me,

Pastor Bruner  
1 John 4:10-11



**Janitor Sub** as needed – weekdays from 3-9PM for basic cleaning and building lock up. Please call one of the offices if interested.

St. Paul Lutheran School is accepting applications for a **Lead Teacher and Teacher Aides** in His Little Lambs Daycare. Applications are available in the school or church office or via email at church.office@spmill.org. For more info., please contact Paul Schoenknecht or Christina Rosenkrants at 871-4581.

## Hymn of the Month / Serve & Volunteer / Misc.

### Hymn of the Month – November

*"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"*



The word "throng" in the title hymn is used as a verb: to be *filled* or present in a crowd.

If we allow the Word of Christ to dwell within, we will see joy and thankfulness flow from Him. We are but pilgrims in our journey as we seek the New Jerusalem that is to come!

### Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias for the altar are \$15 each and you have a choice of red or white.

Please sign up on the glass case in the narthex by Dec. 4th. Add your name, number, plant color and either pay at the case or bring to the church office. Plants can be picked up after the service on Christmas Day.

### Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

This year, we will again be having **Advent Dinners** after the 4PM Advents services. If anyone (group, board, family, etc.) wants to provide a dinner, please call the church office. The two dates available are Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone is able to drive for **Christian Care** to take people to doctor appointments or other places as needed, please call one of the offices. This can be done as it fits into your

Matt. 25:35 *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."* We are sending out a plea for those wishing to help be the hands of feet of Jesus. There is an **urgent need for funding** to provide the grocery items to prepare **sack lunches** for the City Rescue Mission. Any donation will help. Please bring to the church office or place in the offering plate marked "Rescue Mission". Every second Saturday of every month **six volunteers are needed** to prepare and serve meals at the **City Rescue Mission** of Saginaw. **Our next date is Nov. 11th.** Arrival at the Mission is 10AM and finish by 2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., **Nov. 10th** at 1:30PM.

**Acolytes and Screen Techs** are needed for 2018. Please call the church office by Nov. 10th if you have questions or can help in any way – even if it's just a few times a year! No need to worry – we will train you! Students - this is also a good way to earn servant hours. **Adults** can also

### God's Children Serving God's Children

This new ministry (formerly known as *First Wednesday*) is being offered to integrate the generations of St. Paul in serving our Great God. **Our next date will be November 8<sup>th</sup>.** The activities are designed for the seniors of our congregation and community and the children of our school. On one Wednesday each month, the following activities will be offered in an effort to grow in our relationship with our Lord and each other:

8:00-8:45 a.m. – Everyone is invited to join us for Chapel. We worship in our main sanctuary which is led by a variety of speakers and some of our classes. *A special invitation is extended to our Preschool families to join us. All our Preschool families (both four-year-old classes and three-year-old) will sit together in Chapel.*

8:45-9:15 a.m. - Story time in the Library. This is for all preschool children and seniors who wish to attend. Seniors may also choose time for fellowship in the Youth room.

8:45-9:45 a.m. – All parents are invited to a parenting Bible study in the Projects Room. Whether you have an infant or high school age child, the challenges of parenting may seem overwhelming. Join us as we seek God's guidance and insight from each other to meet these challenges. In order to have sufficient material, please contact the school office or Mr. Schoenknecht if you plan to attend.

9:15-9:45 a.m. – Preschool children not in the morning session will be invited to the Parish Hall to participate in an age appropriate activity. Adult supervision will be provided along with assistance from one of our day school classes. Seniors are welcomed to join us or have time for fellowship in the Youth Room.

9:45-11:00 a.m. – Seniors will have time for fellowship in the Youth Room. Seniors will also have the opportunity to assist some of our students. Reading with or to the students, answering questions for a class project or just spending time with a child are some of the ways you may be helpful.

Seniors are welcomed to stay for lunch. Cost of lunch is \$3.50. Please inform the school office by 8:00 a.m. if you will be staying for lunch.

Your prayers for this endeavor are needed. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Mr. Schoenknecht or Mrs. Walter.



# Bookkeeper's Corner / Financial Report / Memorials

## The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills  
[Finance@spmill.org](mailto:Finance@spmill.org)

Question of the week: "Why on earth does it take 7-10 days to get a check created and signed?" It all boils down to accountability.

Our bookkeeping procedures follow GAAP (General Accepted Accounting Principles) developed by the FASB (Financial Accounting Standards Board). Further restrictions are placed on non-profit entities primarily because of the tax-exemption status. We are under a microscope to not only the IRS but the State of Michigan, Michigan District of LCMS, and most importantly – you, the congregation.

The result of this scrutiny is we verify our income and expenses **twice**. There is always more than one person counting deposits. Each Board verifies and approves payments for invoices or reimbursements. **This takes times given our practices are generally carried out by folks elected by the congregation – not employees.**

As an example, here's the practice to make a purchase:

- A Board wants to purchase 10 widgets.
- Board member contacts me to determine if the money is available if they're unsure.
- If yes, a purchase order is created then signed by the Board member. *This obligates church funds.*
- The Board purchases the widgets.
- The invoice arrives; it is scanned and electronically sent to the Board for payment approval.
- Approved invoice is returned; checks are generated on Thursdays, countersigned over the weekend, and available the following Tuesday.

This may seem redundant to some, but accountability of church funds is critical. No payments are made without the appropriate documentation.

The entire process can be accelerated by **planning ahead**. If you know you are going to spend money on XYZ – don't wait until the last minute to request a purchase order or make arrangements for purchase. See me if you have questions or concerns!



## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| In Memory of Loraine H. Petzold  |          |
| General Fund                     | \$255.00 |
| Building Fund                    | \$ 10.00 |
| School Fund                      | \$ 75.00 |
| Hot Lunch                        | \$ 20.00 |
| Handbells                        | \$ 20.00 |
| Choir                            | \$ 65.00 |
| Memorial Comm. Undesignated      | \$300.00 |
| In Memory of Raymond Hunt        |          |
| General Fund                     | \$ 10.00 |
| In Memory of T. Diane Sebert     |          |
| General Fund                     | \$110.00 |
| Building Fund                    | \$ 15.00 |
| School Fund                      | \$ 50.00 |
| Grantparent Fund                 | \$ 10.00 |
| Memorial Comm. Undesignated      | \$150.00 |
| In Memory of Worley Mays Sr.     |          |
| General Fund                     | \$145.00 |
| Building Fund                    | \$ 10.00 |
| Grantparent Fund                 | \$ 25.00 |
| Memorial Comm. Undesignated      | \$120.00 |
| Social Concerns                  | \$ 20.00 |
| In Memory of Arthur (Art) Saeger |          |
| General Fund                     | \$670.00 |
| Building Fund                    | \$ 30.00 |
| School Fund                      | \$ 15.00 |
| Hot Lunch                        | \$ 20.00 |
| Memorial Comm. Undesignated      | \$410.00 |
| Missions                         | \$ 20.00 |
| Seminary-Tim Kern                | \$ 10.00 |
| In Memory of David Sebert        |          |
| General Fund                     | \$ 35.00 |
| School Library Fund              | \$170.00 |

## CEF BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

**Mortgage balance as of 10/31/17: \$790,105.56**

-- Debt free date if nothing changes = October 2022

Oct 2017 Mortgage payment = \$14,135.00

--- Principal = **\$12,614.94**

--- Interest = **\$ 1,520.06**

--- Amount received to pay mortgage: \$13,170.50 (short)

--- Amount used in contingency fund: \$ 964.50

## Oct 2017 Income & Expense Summary

**Oct General Fund Income: \$96,164.45**

**Oct General Fund Expense: (\$80,620.94)**

**Oct Surplus \$15,543.51**

Checkbook balance as of **10/31/17: \$258,095.60**

Designated & Memorial Obligation: **(\$230,873.43)**

Our total Surplus **\$ 27,222.17**

## Daily Lectionary / Area News

| Sunday                                      | Monday                                       | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                                   | Thursday   | Friday                                      | Saturday                                     |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| <b>November Daily Lectionary</b>            |  |   | <b>1</b><br>Deut. 34:1-12<br>Matt. 21:1-22  | <b>2</b><br>Jer. 1:1-19<br>Matt. 21:23-46                | <b>3</b><br>Jer. 3:6-4:2<br>Matt. 22:1-22   | <b>4</b><br>Jer. 5:1-19,<br>Matt. 22:23-46   |
| <b>5</b><br>Jer. 7:1-29<br>Matt. 23:1-12    | <b>6</b><br>Jer. 8:18-9:12<br>Matt. 23:13-39 | <b>7</b><br>Jer. 11:1-23<br>Matt. 24:1-28   | <b>8</b><br>Jer. 20:1-18<br>Matt. 24:29-51  | <b>9</b><br>Jer. 22:1-23<br>Matt. 25:1-13                | <b>10</b><br>Jer. 23:1-20<br>Matt. 25:14-30 | <b>11</b><br>Jer. 23:21-40<br>Matt. 25:31-46 |
| <b>12</b><br>Jer. 25:1-18<br>Matt. 26:1-19  | <b>13</b><br>Jer. 26:1-19<br>Matt. 26:20-35  | <b>14</b><br>Jer. 29:1-19<br>Matt. 26:36-56 | <b>15</b><br>Jer. 30:1-24<br>Matt. 26:57-75 | <b>16</b><br>Jer. 31:1-17;<br>31:23-34,<br>Matt. 27:1-10 | <b>17</b><br>Jer. 33:1-22<br>Matt. 27:11-32 | <b>18</b><br>Jer. 37:1-21<br>Matt. 27:33-56  |
| <b>19</b><br>Jer. 38:1-28<br>Matt. 27:57-66 | <b>20</b><br>Dan. 1:1-21<br>Matt. 28:1-20    | <b>21</b><br>Dan. 2:1-23<br>Rev. 18:1-24    | <b>22</b><br>Dan. 2:24-49<br>Rev. 19:1-21   | <b>23</b><br>Dan. 3:1-30<br>Rev. 20:1-15                 | <b>24</b><br>Dan. 4:1-37<br>Rev. 21:1-8     | <b>25</b><br>Dan. 5:1-30<br>Rev. 21:9-27     |
| <b>26</b><br>Dan. 6:1-28<br>Rev. 22:1-21    | <b>27</b><br>Is. 1:1-28<br>1 Pt. 1:1-12      | <b>28</b><br>Is. 2:1-22<br>1 Pt. 1:13-25    | <b>29</b><br>Is. 5:1-25<br>1 Pt. 2:1-12     | <b>30</b><br>Is. 6:1-7:9<br>1 Pt. 2:13-25                |   |  |

### Area News

**Valley Lutheran Fruit Sale** has begun. 20lb of Indian River Navel Oranges, Pink Grapefruit or mixed carton for \$27.00; 40lb box is \$38.00. New this year are mandarin oranges 10lb for \$26.00 or 16lb for \$38.00. The Citrus Delight box of Navel Oranges/Pink Grapefruit/Tangelos (12 each) is \$35.00. The fruit will be delivered on Sat., Dec. 2 at Valley from 7:30-2:00. Contact a VLHS student or the office at 989-790-1676 by Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to VLHS Booster Club.

**"A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy"** hosted by St. Luke's at the Vassar Theater on Sun., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM. Tickets are \$5 and must be reserved. Call the Vassar Theater 823-3030 or St. Luke's 823-7923.

**Valley Lutheran High School's Fall Information Night** Tues., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. All current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents are invited. This is a great way to get a guided tour of Valley, meet fellow students, teachers, and hear about all the great things you can be part of at VLHS. No RSVP needed just come out for a fun, relaxed evening ~ Questions?? email Sondra Yantz, Student Recruiter, [syantz@vlhs.com](mailto:syantz@vlhs.com) or contact the school office 989-790-1676.

**Boar's Head Christmas Festival** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Saginaw Thurs., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM; Sat., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30PM; Sun., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4PM. Pre-service music starts 30 minutes before performance. This performance presents the birth of Jesus in a 1300 A.D. medieval setting. No cost, no tickets - free will offering.

### Valley Lutheran Christmas Concert at The Temple Theatre in Saginaw

In honor of Valley Lutheran High School's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Anniversary Committee and the Music Department are hosting a special Christmas Concert at the historic Temple Theatre, 203 N. Washington Ave. in Saginaw, on Sunday, December 10, at 3pm.

The theme of the event is, "Come, Let Us Adore Him," and Valley's Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir will be performing familiar Christmas songs to jump-start your holiday season. Audience members will have the chance to sing several favorites, as well. The concert is free and open to the public.

Valley alumni, who were part of the music program, are invited to take part in two special songs at the end of the concert and we would love to have you participate. If you are interested in being a part of the performance, contact Paul Eschmann at [peschmann@vlhs.com](mailto:peschmann@vlhs.com) or Lindsay Mueller at [lmuellder@vlhs.com](mailto:lmuellder@vlhs.com), or call either of them at 989-790-1676.

We hope you can join us for this special event as we celebrate Valley's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
About the school

Valley Lutheran High School believes that Christ is the foundation of our school and everything we do. We prepare our students as children of God academically, physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually to serve in the world today and tomorrow.

# Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild, Sextons

| November           | 4/5                                    | 11/12                                     | 18/19  | 23                      | 25/26                 |
|--------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Acolytes</b>    |  |   |  | Thanksgiving            |                       |
| 7:30PM             | Alden & Jay Rodammer                   | Zac & Nic Yorke                           |  | 10AM<br>Zac & Nic Yorke | Kailee & Chad Fackler |
| 8:30AM             | The Hoards                             | Kirsten Skouson & Ed White                | Dani & Matt Ayotte   |                         | Paige & Matt Ayotte   |
| 11AM               | Isabel Ketels                          | Brandon & Mark Rude                       | Andrew & Mike Hoard  |                         | Grace & Tim Brown     |
| <b>Screen Tech</b> |  |   |  |                         |                       |
| 7:30PM             | Logan Curtis                           | Meagan Tolbert                            | Caden Wilson   |                         |                       |
| 8:30AM             | Landon Kern                            | The Singers                               | Paige Ayotte   |                         |                       |
| 11AM               | Levi Keinath                           | Hunter Ayotte                             | Julie Keinath  |                         | Hunter Ayotte         |
| <b>Greeters</b>    |  |   |  |                         |                       |
| 7:30PM             | Shelli Lugg                            | Betty Bleuer                              | Laura Sherman  |                         |                       |
| 8:30AM             | Shirely Petzold                        | Ken & Kathy Ill                           |  |                         |                       |
| 11AM               | Les & Diane Maxson,<br>Ron & Olga Nims | LuAnn Licavoli,<br>Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel | Rosie Horning,<br>Dale & Pam Hanlin,<br>Keith & Heidi Woolwine |                         |                       |
| Subs               | Sherry Sebert                          |   |  |                         |                       |

## **Ushers**

### **Team A**

#### **8:30AM Service**

Captain – Phil Gordon  
 Assistant – Ron Johnson  
 Wanda Johnson  
 James Kribs  
 James Petzold  
 Larry Petzold  
 Peter Shollack  
 Andrew Weber

#### **11AM Service**

Captain – Dick Gross  
 Assistant – Arnold Petzold  
 Kenton Gleason  
 Tom Keinath  
 Phil Petzold

#### **7:30PM Service**

Captain – Brian Gladly  
 Mason Lugg  
 Dale Peche

## **Church Sextons**

Mathew & Angela Ayotte  
 Armand & Faye Carmona  
 Ed & Marcia Keinath  
 Ted & Katrina Wager  
 Rod & Nancy Wilson

## **Altar Guild Communion Set-Up**

7:30PM - Shelli Lugg  
 8:30AM - Pam Ill  
 11AM - Bonnie Wittum

*Thank you to our many volunteers who give their time to help with the worship services.  
 May your servant heart continue to bless those you serve at St. Paul.  
 You are appreciated!*



# Birthday Celebrations

|                     |       |                      |       |                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Kylie Gaval         | 11/1  | Randall Daenzer      | 11/14 | Shawn Bouck         | 11/25 |
| Brady Henderson     | 11/1  | Brandon Ehrmantraut  | 11/14 | Joshua Lux          | 11/25 |
| Mackenzie Ramsey    | 11/1  | Evan Hoard           | 11/14 | James MacKay        | 11/25 |
| David Reyna         | 11/1  | Krystle Lorenz       | 11/14 | Christopher Weakley | 11/25 |
| George Corrigan III | 11/2  | Brian Rondy          | 11/14 | Jill Webster        | 11/25 |
| Tammy Weber         | 11/2  | Brandon Rude         | 11/14 | Brooklynn Damm      | 11/26 |
| Trisha Ferrier      | 11/3  | Amy Saeger           | 11/14 | Jill Erlenbeck      | 11/26 |
| Justin Meier        | 11/3  | Austin Weber         | 11/14 | Harry Keipinger     | 11/26 |
| Ashley Morrow       | 11/3  | David Williams       | 11/14 | Maddison Matthews   | 11/26 |
| Suzanne Husted      | 11/4  | Shellie Cerasoli     | 11/15 | Jason Stiers        | 11/26 |
| Dawn Meacham        | 11/4  | David Derscha        | 11/15 | Emma Zeck           | 11/26 |
| Melissa Petzold     | 11/4  | Harland Goodhue      | 11/15 | Kelly Lich          | 11/27 |
| Connor Erlenbeck    | 11/5  | Michael Griesing     | 11/15 | Jeremy Love         | 11/27 |
| Grace Erlenbeck     | 11/5  | Rachel Higgins       | 11/15 | Nicole Smith        | 11/27 |
| Jillian Fackler     | 11/5  | Scott Koch           | 11/15 | Cory Stange         | 11/27 |
| Chastity Fall       | 11/5  | Kellie Reinert       | 11/15 | Jackson Wooldridge  | 11/27 |
| Holly Petzold       | 11/5  | Ronda Sayyae         | 11/15 | Tracy Anderson      | 11/28 |
| Brett Bassett       | 11/6  | Daniel Smith         | 11/15 | Brittany Nelson     | 11/28 |
| Stefanie Compaore   | 11/6  | Debbie Ulrey         | 11/15 | Tyler Auernhammer   | 11/29 |
| Charles Eilers      | 11/6  | Aurelia Wilson       | 11/15 | Riley Reed          | 11/29 |
| Vicki Kabat         | 11/6  | Joseph Bassett       | 11/16 | David Wiacek        | 11/29 |
| Hailey Ketels       | 11/6  | Ann Beckrow          | 11/16 | Earl Casto          | 11/30 |
| Austin Koch         | 11/6  | Joshua Burns         | 11/16 | Sharon Cunningham   | 11/30 |
| Robert Opperman     | 11/6  | Douglas Davies       | 11/16 | Brandon Dormire     | 11/30 |
| Robert Ramsey       | 11/6  | Justin Duranseau     | 11/16 | Bernice Hinz        | 11/30 |
| Daniel Wood         | 11/6  | Ilah Fall            | 11/16 | Peyton Sheppard     | 11/30 |
| Steven Adamic       | 11/7  | James Henderson Sr.  | 11/16 | Keira Wiacek        | 11/30 |
| Randy Hutchinson    | 11/7  | James Kribs          | 11/16 |                     |       |
| Landon Petzold      | 11/7  | Caden Heike          | 11/17 |                     |       |
| Royce Shamel        | 11/7  | Justin Morel         | 11/17 |                     |       |
| Michael Sherman     | 11/7  | Brandon Shufelt      | 11/17 |                     |       |
| Thomas Shufelt      | 11/7  | Kailee Fackler       | 11/18 |                     |       |
| Abigail Skouson     | 11/7  | James Petzold        | 11/18 |                     |       |
| Tricia Borcharding  | 11/8  | Michael Soteropoulos | 11/18 |                     |       |
| Faith Damm          | 11/8  | Amanda Stohon        | 11/18 |                     |       |
| Ashleigh Devereaux  | 11/8  | Roger Wendt          | 11/18 |                     |       |
| Sharon Gross        | 11/8  | Brian White          | 11/18 |                     |       |
| Paul Keipinger      | 11/8  | Easton Aguirre       | 11/19 |                     |       |
| Peyton Schmandt     | 11/8  | David Hergenreder    | 11/19 |                     |       |
| Amanda Albert       | 11/9  | Dylan Holmes         | 11/19 |                     |       |
| Sherri Fall         | 11/9  | Conner MacKay        | 11/19 |                     |       |
| Becca Jacobs        | 11/9  | John Clouse          | 11/20 |                     |       |
| Lori Jones          | 11/9  | Bruce Edler          | 11/20 |                     |       |
| Monica Knapp        | 11/9  | Doris Gardner        | 11/20 |                     |       |
| Zachary Maas        | 11/9  | Gail Holmes          | 11/20 |                     |       |
| Lester Miller       | 11/9  | Leon Kuberski        | 11/20 |                     |       |
| Stephanie Carlyon   | 11/10 | Joyce Wager          | 11/20 |                     |       |
| Sandra Jones        | 11/10 | Michael Yatsevich    | 11/20 |                     |       |
| Alanna Kabat        | 11/10 | Stephen Beckman      | 11/21 |                     |       |
| Randy Keinath       | 11/10 | Jamie Fackler        | 11/21 |                     |       |
| Richard Milostan    | 11/10 | Benjamin Shreve      | 11/21 |                     |       |
| Sean Pappenfuss     | 11/10 | Nathaniel Kern       | 11/22 |                     |       |
| Ray Peche           | 11/10 | Jenna Mason          | 11/22 |                     |       |
| Robin Rohn          | 11/10 | Hailey Paquette      | 11/22 |                     |       |
| Briana Schmandt     | 11/10 | Christian Selich     | 11/22 |                     |       |
| Nathan Weber        | 11/10 | Sarah Stewart        | 11/22 |                     |       |
| Kevin Bastian       | 11/11 | Danny Detgen         | 11/23 |                     |       |
| Donald Bierlein     | 11/11 | Annabelle Hayden     | 11/23 |                     |       |
| Zachery Finatri     | 11/11 | Sarah Jolly          | 11/23 |                     |       |
| Nathan Bouck        | 11/12 | Amanda Maschke       | 11/23 |                     |       |
| Myrna Clouse        | 11/12 | Carrie Ratza         | 11/23 |                     |       |
| Madeline Hanlin     | 11/12 | Joel Smith           | 11/23 |                     |       |
| Mildred Maurer      | 11/12 | Laura Blue           | 11/24 |                     |       |
| Maggie Cobb         | 11/13 | Jacob Gorsuch        | 11/24 |                     |       |
| Janice Gordon       | 11/13 | Emily Hunt           | 11/24 |                     |       |
| Violet Hornfeld     | 11/13 | Lillie Keinath       | 11/24 |                     |       |
| Diane Mills         | 11/13 | Ann McPherson        | 11/24 |                     |       |





# November 2017

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever."*

*Hebrews 13:8*

God has richly blessed us with another beautiful painting of His autumn creation with a gorgeous array of color all around us. During this month, we prepare for many special family events, let's set aside some time to really thank Him for what we have been blessed with and remember that He is ALWAYS with us along that pathway, giving us His mercy every day!

A new ministry is being offered one Wednesday a month with activities designed for the seniors of our congregation and community as well as the children of our school from 8 -11 a.m. Activities start with Chapel at 8 a.m. followed by Storytime for preschoolers and any seniors that wish to attend or seniors may choose a fellowship time in the Youth Room, a parenting Bible Study led by Mr. Schoenknecht, then the seniors will have the opportunity to share time with some classes from the school assisting them with special class projects, reading to or listening to stories. The seniors are welcome for lunch as well, the cost being \$3.50. Check the church bulletin/ calendar for more information. We look forward to seeing many of you here.

## Important November Dates

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Nov. 3       | Grandparents Day, end of quarter; Spirit Day     |
| Nov. 5       | Daylight Savings Time                            |
| Nov. 9       | Students shop Bazaar                             |
| Nov. 20 & 21 | Parent Teacher Conferences (3-8 p.m. & 1-8 p.m.) |
| Nov. 21      | $\frac{1}{2}$ day of classes                     |
| Nov. 22-26   | NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation                  |
| Nov. 29      | Picture Retakes & First Day of Advent            |



## November Sports



We are thankful for safety throughout the fall sports seasons. Thank you to the players, coaches, parents and fans for your help and support throughout the seasons. Now we move into the basketball seasons. The girls start the play followed by the boy's game. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.

### Girl's & Boy's B-team Basketball

|         |                                      |           |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Nov. 7  | at St. Michaels, Richville           | 4:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 20 | at Bethlehem, Saginaw                | 4:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 21 | with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth         | 4:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 28 | with Immanuel -Trinity, Frankentrost | 4:30 p.m. |



## School Musical Opportunities















|         |                   |            |
|---------|-------------------|------------|
| Nov. 5  | Cantate Choir     | 8:30 a.m.  |
|         | Junior Bells      | 11:00 a.m. |
| Nov. 12 | Free Spirit Choir | 11:00 a.m. |
| Nov. 19 | Pre-School Choir  | 11:00 a.m. |

# Happy Thanksgiving

See the school office for information about the many collection programs that we participate in throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul.

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| SUN   | MON  | TUE   | WED  | THURS  | FRI   | SAT   |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|---|
|   |  |   | <b>1</b><br>6:30PM Social Concerns<br>6:53PM Choir<br>7:30PM Council | <b>2</b><br>6:15PM Praise Team   | <b>3</b><br>Grandparent's Day<br>9-11AM Storyhour         | <b>4</b><br> <b>7:30PM Worship</b>   |
| <b>5</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b><br><i>Cantate</i><br>9:45AM Bible Study/AIC<br>Sunday School<br> <b>11AM Worship</b><br><i>Jr. Bells</i><br>12:15PM Confirmation<br>6-8PM Impact  | <b>6</b><br>7PM -Handbells<br>-Stephen Ministry  | <b>7</b><br>7AM Jr. Bells<br>12-3PM Quilting<br>6-8PM Painting<br>7PM Stewardship<br>7:30PM AA      | <b>8</b><br>6:53PM Choir   | <b>9</b><br>Kids Shop of Bazaar<br>6:15PM Praise Team                            | <b>10</b><br>9-11AM Storyhour<br>1:30PM Pack Sack Lunches | <b>11</b><br>9AM-3PM Dorcas Bazaar & Crafts<br>10AM Saginaw Rescue Mission<br> <b>7:30PM Worship+C</b> |
| <b>12</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship</b><br>9:45AM Bible Study/AIC<br>Sunday School<br> <b>11AM Worship+C</b><br><i>Free Spirit</i><br>12:15PM Confirmation<br>1:30PM Ignite<br>(6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades)<br>6PM Trustees | <b>13</b><br>7PM -Handbells<br>-Stephen Ministry | <b>14</b><br>7AM Jr. Bells<br>12-3PM Quilting<br>6-8PM Painting<br>6:30PM Board of Ed.<br>7:30PM AA | <b>15</b><br>6:53PM Choir  | <b>16</b><br>6PM PTL Meeting<br>6:15PM Praise Team                               | <b>17</b><br>9-11AM Storyhour                             | <b>18</b><br>9AM-7PM Scrapbooking & Crafts<br> <b>7:30PM Worship</b>                                   |
| <b>19</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b><br><i>Handbells</i><br>9:45AM Bible Study/AIC<br>Sunday School<br> <b>11AM Worship</b><br><b>Contemporary</b><br><i>Handbells</i><br>12:15PM Confirmation<br>6-8PM Impact                    | <b>20</b><br>7PM Handbells<br>-Stephen Ministry  | <b>21</b> <i>½ Day School</i><br>12-3PM Quilting<br>6PM Dorcas<br>6-8PM Painting<br>7:30PM AA       | <b>22</b> <i>No School</i><br>6:53PM Choir<br>7:30PM Elders          | <b>23</b><br><i>Thanksgiving</i><br>10AM Worship +C<br><i>Church Choir/Brass</i> | <b>24</b><br><i>No School</i><br><i>Offices Closed</i>    | <b>25</b><br> <b>7:30PM Worship+C</b>  |
| <b>26</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship</b><br><i>Men's Choir</i><br>9:45AM Bible Study/AIC<br>Sunday School<br> <b>11AM Worship+C</b><br><b>Contemporary</b><br><i>Men's Choir</i><br>12:15PM Confirmation                              | <b>27</b><br>7PM -Handbells<br>-Stephen Ministry | <b>28</b><br>7AM Jr. Bells<br>12-3PM Quilting<br>6-8PM Painting<br>7:30PM AA                        | <b>29</b><br><b>4PM Advent Worship</b><br>6:53PM Choir               | <b>30</b><br>6:15PM Praise Team  |   |   |



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# Monthly Messenger

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